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Title: ELECTRIC LAMP PROVIDED WITH A LAMP CAP

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows, where marked-up versions of the amended claims 3 and 4 are attached as Appendix A:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 3. (Amended) An electric lamp (2) as claimed in claim 1,
- 2 characterized in that the first contact part (18) is provided with
- a further spring (22) for keeping the first contact part (18)
- 4 positioned against the housing (14) under a comparatively high
- 5 spring pressure.
- 1 4. (Amended) An electric lamp (2) as claimed in claim 1,
- 2 characterized in that the second contact part (20) is provided with
- 3 resilient guiding clamps (26).

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to claims 3 and 4 were made solely to avoid filing the claims in multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve all rights to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made to the Claims

The following are marked up versions of amended claims 3 and 4:

- 1 3. (Amended) An electric lamp (2) as claimed in claim 1 or 2,
- 2 characterized in that the first contact part (18) is provided with
- 3 a further spring (22) for keeping the first contact part (18)
 - 4 positioned against the housing (14) under a comparatively high
 - 5 spring pressure.
 - 1 4. (Amended) An electric lamp (2) as claimed in claim 1, 2, or 3,
 - characterized in that the second contact part (20) is provided with
 - 3 resilient guiding clamps (26).